

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause to recognize Missouri State Representative Thomas Albert Villa, who will observe his sixty-third birthday on March 16, 2008; and

Whereas, now in his eighteenth year representing the 108th District, part of the City of St. Louis, Representative Villa has served in the Missouri House of Representative longer than any other member now serving in the House; and

Whereas, a democrat, Representative Villa was elected to the House in November 2000, and he previously served in the House from 1974 through 1984, holding the leadership positions of Majority Whip from 1978 through 1980 and Majority Floor Leader from 1980 to 1984; and

Whereas, in addition to his legislative duties, Representative Villa is affiliated with Villa Lighting Supply Company in St. Louis; and

Whereas, Representative Villa was the president of the St. Louis Board of Aldermen from 1987 to 1995, serving as presiding officer and member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment; and

Whereas, a graduate of St. Mary's High School who holds a bachelor of science from Saint Louis University and a master's in education from the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Representative Villa worked as a guidance counselor at Central High School between 1970 and 1975 and as an English teacher at Augustinian Academy from 1968 to 1969; and

Whereas, Representative Villa is a board member of Incarnate Word Foundation, board member of Jefferson National Parks Association, board member of Landmarks Association of St. Louis, former board member of the St. Louis Art Museum, and former board member of St. Louis Airport Commission; and

Whereas, Representative Villa is active in the Carondelet Community Betterment Federation, Dutchtown South Community Corporation, Carondelet Historical Society, Citizens for Modern Transit, Holly Hills Improvement Association, South Broadway Merchants Association, and St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish; and

Whereas, Representative Villa is the devoted husband of Karen Ann Harvey Villa and the son of Albert "Red" Villa, who served St. Louis as an Alderman longer than any other, from 1953 to 1990, and the Aldermanic Chambers in St. Louis City Hall are named in his honor:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere happy birthday wishes to Representative Villa on the occasion of his sixty-third birthday; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Representative Thomas Albert Villa, as a measure of our affection, respect, and esteem.

Offered by Speaker Rod Jetton
District No. 156

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker